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Hollywood Film Restorer to Speak at Library of Congress

Kemp R. Niver, Hollywood film historian and restoration expert, will present a program of early motion pictures and a discussion of the early days of filmmaking on Tuesday, January 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Mary Pickford Theater on the third floor of the Library's Madison Building.

Mr. Niver, who was born in Hollywood in 1912, has had firsthand experience throughout the film industry and was responsible for the invention of a process that has restored thousands of films from the earliest years of the cinema.

When films were first invented, copyright law did not cover the new medium. However, still images were protected, so film pioneers such as Thomas Edison submitted rolls of paper prints, containing frame-by-frame images, to satisfy the letter of the law. These paper prints were rediscovered in the basement of the Library of Congress in the mid-1930s and were at once recognized as an invaluable record, especially since the original nitrate prints had not survived.

Mr. Niver developed an ingenious method to reconstitute these films from the paper prints, an achievement for which he was awarded an Oscar in 1954. With his editorial assistant, Bebe Bergsten, he has recently compiled a catalog of the 3,000 films saved by this process.

At the January 28 program, Mr. Niver will discuss the colorful early days of filmmaking from a unique perspective gained from his wide and varied Hollywood experience. Described as a Hollywood Jack-of-all-trades, Mr. Niver has been a private detective, lawyer, security officer, producer, and camerman.

Among the films he will introduce are "Fred Ott's Sneeze," the earliest copyrighted film to survive; D. W. Griffith's first film as a director; a Fatty Arbuckle comedy; and several Edison documentaries.

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Japanese Calligraphy Is Presented to the Library

The Librarian of Congress, Daniel J. Boorstin (left), and J. Thomas Rimer, chief of the Asian Division, discuss a new gift to the Library, a piece of modern Japanese calligraphy, "Plum Blossoms on a Hilly Garden," by Hirotsu Unsen, the distinguished contemporary artist. This piece was included in the 1984 Library of Congress exhibition, Words in Motion: Modern Japanese Calligraphy, *and is one of 12 works donated by the artists who participated in the exhibition to the permanent collections of the Library of Congress.*

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Bruce Tapper, Editor

Michael H. Shelley Is Appointed Chief Of Shared Cataloging Division

Michael H. Shelley assumed the duties of chief of the Shared Cataloging Division on November 12 after having served since 1979 as chief of the MARC Editorial Division.

A graduate of the United States Naval Academy, where he received a bachelor of science degree in 1963, Mr. Shelley received a master's degree in library science from Emory University in 1972. His commissioned service with the U.S. Navy extended from 1963 to 1970, during which time he served on various combat ships and subsequently served as head of the Intelligence Briefing Section for the Chief of Naval Operations. He studied international relations, economics, and political science at the U.S. Defense Intelligence School in 1967–68.

Mr. Shelley came to the Library of Congress in 1972 as a participant in the Special Recruit (Intern) program. He worked briefly in the Exchange and Gift Division before beginning his internship. He then served as a reference librarian in the Geography and Map Division from January 1973 to August 1975. His next position was assistant head of the Library Resources Section of the Library Services Division of the Congressional

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Library Issues New Network Planning Paper

The Cataloging Distribution Service has made available a report, *Key Issues in the Networking Field Today: Proceedings of the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee Meeting,* May 6–8, 1985, issued as Number 12 in the series of Network Planning Papers by the Network Development and MARC Standards Office. This report provides information on the history and state of the art of library networking, the changing roles of the players in both the public and private sectors, the impact of changing technology, and an overview of legal issues.

As the title indicates, the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee (NACO focused its May 1985 program session on identifying key issues in the library networking field. The goal of the meeting was to provide assistance to the National Commission on Libraries and Information Science (NCLIS) in revising its 1975 program document, *Toward a National Program for Library and Information Services: Goals for Action.* Predictions are made as to how these technological changes will affect libraries into the next decade. Computer processing coupled with mass storage and dedicated communications networks will alter the way libraries control their stock and provide access to their holdings. Online

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STAFF NEWS

Fifteen Employees Selected for 1985 Target Series Program

First row: Eugene Walton (left), coordinator, Affirmative Action Office; Denise Dempsey; Vera Clyburn; Pearline Hardy; Verna Sharp; Carol Bell; and William J. Welsh, The Deputy Librarian of Congress. Second row: Leslie Hawkins (left), Sheridan Harvey, Linda Brooks, and Clifton Knight.

A total of 15 employees at the Library of Congress were selected during fiscal year 1985 for promotion opportunities provided by the Library's 1983–1985 Affirmative Action Plan. Twelve of the appointments were made under the Target Series Program and three appointments were made under the newer Target Series Development Program.

The Target Series Program was initiated the first year of the Library's multi-year affirmative action plan in order to provide employees desiring positions of greater responsibility the opportunity to compete and be selected for positions in career fields that permit them to perform at their highest potential. The program provides opportunities for the many aspiring and qualified employees on the Library's staff, including many of those who earned degrees through the Affirmative Action Fellowship Program. Those selected during fiscal year 1985 and the positions they were selected for were: Carol Bell, copyright specialist; Linda Brooks, librarian; Vera Clyburn, librarian; Barry Cooper, librarian; Denise Dempsey, science reference librarian; Pearline Hardy, librarian; Sheridan Harvey, reference librarian; Leslie Hawkins, copyright specialist; Mary McGowan, computer systems analyst; Amy Knight, computer science analyst; Clifton Knight, copyright specialist; Verna Sharp, copyright specialist; Charles Thompson, computer systems analyst; and Linda Vocino, copyright specialist.

The 1983–1985 Affirmative Action Plan also provided for the creation and implementation of another employee development and promotion program during fiscal year 1985, titled the Target Series Development Program. This plan called for the planning and

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implementation of "a program with experience and training components, leading to the acquisition of minimum qualifications for future competition in series where underrepresentation is determined." During fiscal year 1984 the Library's Management Working Group on Affirmative Action, chaired by Associate Librarian for Management Glen Zimmerman, developed the requirements and procedures of the Target Series Development Program after months of review of past and current Library placement programs. An agreement negotiated between the Library and AFCSME 2910 and 2477 units in April 1985 provided for a pilot program to be initiated and implemented by the end of fiscal year 1986.

Three of four selections to be made in the Target Series Development Program were recently announced. The selectees are Anthony Padua, MARC Support Section, Automated Systems Office; Ann Sullivan, Shelflisting Section, Subject Cataloging Division, Processing Services Department; and Kimberly Walton, Economics Division, Congressional Research Service. Mr. Padua was selected for a computer science position in the MARC Support Section, Automated Systems Office, Management Services Department. Ms. Sullivan was selected as librarian in the Children's Literature Section, Subject Cataloging Division, Processing Services Department. Ms. Walton was selected as a librarian in the General Reading Rooms Division, Research Services Department. The Target Series Development Program will provide support for the appointees' further education in computer science and library science.

WETA Documentary on Music Division To Be Screened for Library Staff

"The Unquiet Library," a television special produced by WETA/26 which originally aired in the Washington, D.C., area on November 25, will be screened for interested staff members in the Pickford Theater on Tuesday, February 4, at 12 noon. The program tells the story of the Music Division at the Library and how music—commissioned, recorded, performed—has been an important part of the Library's life for decades.

The program is 45 minutes long. Food is not permitted in the Pickford Theater, so staff members who wish to see the entire program during their lunch period should have the permission of their supervisors.

Because seating in the Pickford Theater is limited to 64, admission will be on a first-come, first-served basis. If there is sufficient staff interest for a second showing of the program, it will be arranged and announced at a later time.

Daniel A. P. Murray Association Awards Scholarship

The Daniel A. P. Murray Association has awarded its first scholarship, the Sylvia Lyons Render Award, to Ms. Yvette Faulkner, an employee of the Law Library, Processing Section. Ms. Faulkner was rated highest on the basis of her academic performance and a written essay. She will use the $500 award, announced on November 6, to pursue an M.L.S. degree at the University of the District of Columbia. Present at a ceremony in the Pickford Theatre on that date was Dr. Sylvia Lyons Render, the club's founder, in whose honor the scholarship was named. Dr. Render currently resides in St. Petersburg, Fla.

Credit Union Membership Meeting Rescheduled

In the January 13, 1986, issue of the LC *Information Bulletin,* the Library Federal Credit Union announced the date of its annual membership meeting as Wednesday, March 12, 1986. Due to a conflict, the meeting has been rescheduled for Tuesday, April 1, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting will be held in the Coolidge Auditorium.

Cancellation of Program

"The Employment of Hispanic Americans in the Federal Government," a program scheduled for January 30 in the Mumford Room has been cancelled and will be rescheduled at a later date.

Special Interest Groups in February

The Special Interest Groups (SIGs) of the Library of Congress Professional Association have planned the following Tuesday meetings for the month of February.

All meetings are strictly held to one-half hour and begin at 12:10 p.m., except for the Foreign Area Studies SIG which meets from 11:30 a.m., so that staff members may attend on their lunch periods. The meetings are informal, and eating lunch during them is encouraged.

☐ **February 4—*SIG on Library Science:*** "Acquisition and Processing of Federal Documents," Alma Mather, Federal Documents Section, Exchange and Gift Division. Room LM 642.

☐ **February 11—*SIG on Foreign Area Studies (Latin American Area Studies):*** "Research on Latin America in the Library of Congress." Room LM 642.

☐ **February 18—*SIG on Ethnic Resources:*** "Round Tables in ALA and IFLA Devoted to Ethnic Studies and an Introduction to their Publications," Enikő M. Basa, Catalog Management and Publication Division. Room LM 642.

WRA Talent Show Is a Success

"The WRA Re-Search for Stars Talent Show" was held on November 13 in the Coolidge Auditorium at noon with an enthusiastic overflow crowd. The program was planned and coordinated by Leo Anderson, president of the WRA Choral Society, who also served as master of ceremonies.

The First Prize winner of the show was George Young, Copyright Acquisitions and Processing, who sang "One in a Million," with Gregory Reed, Photoduplication Service, accompanying him at the piano. The Second Prize winner was Saundra Smith, Subject Cataloging, singing "Greatest of All," Steve Hiser, Cataloging in Publication, pianist. Third Prize winners were Howard Calander, drum and vocals; Christopher Suggs, bass and vocals; and William Shuttleworth, guitar and vocals, Copyright Acquisitions and Processing, who formed the Calander Combo.

Other performers were Tammy Rice, ISIS, Congressional Research Service, who sang "Where We Belong," with Steve Hiser, pianist; Albert Taylor, MARC Editorial, sang "Inseparable," with Steve Hiser, pianist; David Meisler, MARC Editorial, sang "Send in the Clowns," with Steve Hiser, pianist; Reggie Downs, Collections Management, sang "Holy Ground," with Steve Gooden, pianist; Jackie Downs, Collections Management, sang "Missing One"; and Carl Butler sang "Suddenly," with Steve Hiser, pianist, who also played interlude music before and after the show.

One of the acts, The Library of Congress Accordion File Orchestra—Craig D'Ooge, Information Office, artistic director, and Arnold Bellefontaine, National Programs, narrator—was featured on the 6 p.m. Channel 7 news on the evening of the performance. Doris McMillon of Channel 7, as news commentator, interviewed Mr. D'Ooge; Mary Hufford, Archive of Folk Culture, a member of the Accordion File group; and Mr. Anderson, who first organized the talent show 10 years ago.

During an intermission, Erma Wall, president of WRA, assisted by Yvonne Davis, treasurer of WRA, and Reba Burruss, former persident of WRA, held a drawing for WRA membership, with prizes awarded to Beverly Campbell, CRS American Law Division; Alice Haywood, Telecommunications; and Eugene Frosio, Subject Cataloging Division. Reba Burruss, Erma Wall, and Yvonne Davis also assisted in determining the talent show winners.

Women's Program Advisory Committee Seeks New Members

For the first time since 1974, there will be two vacancies on the Women's Program Advisory Committee from each of the Library's eight departments. One member from each department will serve a two-year term; the other, a one-year term. The purpose of staggered terms for the committee is to insure continuity in membership. On January 22, The Librarian of Congress issued a Special Announcement regarding this selection of 16 new members for the committee.

Staff members interested in serving on the committee should submit a memorandum of interest to their department heads by February 14. Interviews will be conducted at the departmental level, after which the department heads will submit a list of three persons for each vacancy, in order of preference, to The Deputy Librarian by February 28. The final selection of new committee members will be made by The Deputy Librarian by March 12.

The members of the Women's Program Advisory Committee should represent a cross-section of Library of Congress staff by such factors as sex, race, national origin, age, handicap status, and grade level. Members of the committee advise and assist the Women's Program Office in such activities as maintaining information on day-care facilities; developing a women's program resouce center; planning and arranging for speakers for programs; and communicating information. Volunteers for the committee should be actively interested in improving the status of women at the Library, and willing to make the contribution necessary for a successful program.

Robert L. Reecer Earns 25-Year Federal Service Award

Robert L. Reecer, senior computer equipment analyst with the Engineering Planning and Development Office, Automated Systems Office (ASO), recently received a bronze pin from Associate Librarian for Management Glen A. Zimmerman, in recognition of Mr. Reecer's completion of 25 years of Federal service.

Mr. Reecer joined the Library of Congress in April 1973 as a member of the Technical Coordination

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Library's Health Officer Rules Out Employee's Illness as Legionnaires' Disease

The possibility that a Library employee might have Legionnaires' Disease has been ruled out as a result of further medical tests, Dr. Raymon A. Noble, the Library's health officer, reported on Tuesday, January 21.

The announcement ended uncertainty which followed the preliminary diagnosis of the possibility of the ailment when the employee became ill on December 23 while on a trip to California. A health alert was issued verbally the same day the news of the employee's illness was received and a written notice was sent to all employees, asking them to let the Health Office know of pneumonia-like symptoms that might indicate the presence of Legionnaires' Disease. Although not a contagious disease, Legionnaires' usually appears at the same time in several persons who share the same environment. No additional Library employees were diagnosed with symptoms pointing to Legionnaires' Disease.

Dr. Noble, who has maintained close communications with the attending physician through the necessarily protracted testing period, reports that the employee who was ill is at home and is recovering satisfactorily.

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Group in the predecessor organization to ASO, the Information Systems Office. Mr. Reecer has contributed to a variety of engineering work related to the Library's central computer systems and in recent years has become ASO's principal preparer of technical specifications and Request for Proposals (RFPs) for computers and computer equipment. He has contributed to all major computer procurements by ASO.

Prior to joining the Library, Mr. Reecer was employed by the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) Manned Spacecraft Center in Houston, where he worked on spacecraft telemetry and minicomputer-based data acquisitions systems. Later he worked for NASA's Scientific and Technical Information Office in Washington, D.C., where he contributed to the RECON information retrieval system serving all NASA center libraries. Before this, he worked on inertial guidance systems for the Army Ballistic Missile Agency at Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Ala.

Mr. Reecer graduated with a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Kentucky in 1960.

Mr. Reecer is a native of Kentucky and enjoys the folk music of that area. He is also a member of the Folklore Society of Greater Washington and frequently attends folk music festivals. Another of his interests is in consciousness research, which he has studied for more than 10 years, practicing meditative techniques he has learned.

Mr. Reecer is married to Norvell Jones, formerly of the Library's Conservation Office, and resides in Alexandria, Va.

Staff Activities

John B. Graves and **John R. James,** senior automation planning specialists in the Automation Planning and Liaison Office of Processing Services, were featured speakers at the 92nd Annual Conference of the New York Library Association, on December 9 in New York City. They spoke on "Recent Technical Services Automation Developments at the Library of Congress," with emphasis on the Linked Systems Project, automated subject authorities, and the automation of the cataloging of machine-readable data files and "JACKPHY" language (i.e., Japanese, Arabic, Chinese, Korean, Persian, Hebrew, and Yiddish) items.

William J. Welsh, The Deputy Librarian of Congress, is the author of an article entitled "The Impact of Technology on Libraries" which appears in *Library Lectures,* published by the University of Tennessee. The lecture was given on April 5, 1984, at the university as part of the Library Day program. Mr. Welsh's lecture was preceded by a film entitled "Preservation: An Investment in the Future," which is a comprehensive overview of the Library's preservation activities.

Staff Carpool Locator

Established carpool from West Springfield, Va., (Orange Hunt Estates area), Old Keene Mill Rd., seeks new member to share driving. On flexitime schedule, approximately 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Contact Nikki Adams, ext. 75263.

Ann Moore of the Automated Systems Office, Ext. 79687, seeks a rider or driver for existing carpool coming from the south Arlington area on an 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. schedule.

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Research Service. In 1976 Mr. Shelley was named chief of the Acquisitions and Processing Service (now Division) of the Copyright Office.

Active in staff and professional activities, Mr. Shelley served on the Serials and Collections Development Subcommittees of the Librarian's Task Force on Goals, Organization, and Planning. He chaired the Joint Labor-Management Committee on Training and Career Development. He is also a member of the Library's Incentive Awards Committee. Other professional activities include current membership on the ALA RTSD Organization and Bylaws Committee and the RTSD Technical Services Costs Committee. He is the latter's representative to the RTSD Committee on Cataloging: Description and Access.

Mr. Shelley remains active in Naval Academy affairs, serving as a member of the Alumni Association's Information and Recruitment Committee, an officer of his graduating class, and trustee of an educational foundation. He is a Boy Scout leader and active supporter of youth sports. He and his family live in Burke, Virginia.

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reference support systems will become pervasive in library reference and public services. Full-text storage and retrieval will grow. Down-loading will become commonplace. Further predictions are made as to how these changes will affect the library network structure as it exists today. Utilities, which depend on income priced on the basis of transactions against their central database will be threatened with loss of income. Aggressive library networks will market access to database suppliers and producers. Some regional networks will weaken, and others prosper and change. Moreover, network technology is confronted with an amalgam of obsolete laws. The efforts to register copyright for machine-readable databases consisting of bibliographic records may result in fewer benefits and less protection than originally envisioned. The key to technological promise is the underlying cooperation and sharing and involves a process of constant redefining of rights and responsibilities. These technological and social changes have signaled the need for a common vision in library networking.

Key issues in the Networking Field Today: Proceedings of the Library of Congress Network Advisory Committee Meeting, May 6–8, 1985 (ISBN 0–8444–0518–3) (88 p.) can be obtained for $7.50 a copy from the Customer Services Section, Cataloging Distribution Service, Washington, DC 20541.

FLICC to Hold Forum on Federal Information Access Policy

The Federal Library and Information Center Committee (FLICC) will hold the third annual forum on Federal Information Policies, at the Library of Congress on February 12. The forum, entitled "Federal Information Policies: Their Implementation and Implications for Information Access," will be held in the Mumford Room on the sixth floor of the James Madison Memorial Building from 9 a.m to 4:15 p.m. There is a registration fee of $35. Checks or Optional Form 37 (Training Form) should be mailed to FLICC, Library of Congress, Washington, DC 20540. For additional information call (202) 287-6454.

The forum is in response to pressing questions and public debate on emerging information policies which have been generated by two recent developments—the issuance on December 12 of the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) policy circular on government information, and congressional hearings focusing on automated information systems. Because the Federal government is the largest single producer, consumer, and disseminator of information in the nation, it finds itself, with the dawn of the electronic information age, at a controversial juncture in which policy decisions with wide-ranging implications for the future are being formulated.

OMB's Circular A–130, Management of Federal Information Resources, outlines broad information policy principles. The document encourages the use of new information technology but raises such controversial issues as the charging of user fees for information, private sector competition, and questions of dissemination and access.

In April 1985, the first of a series of congressional hearings was held concerning electronic collection, storage, and dissemination of information by Federal agencies. The inquiry was triggered by the growing number of agencies that have gone online with electronic information systems. Among the related issues to be addressed during the forum are the effect the shift from paper to electronic media will have on access, the question of who will pay for the costly data processing, and who will control the information.

A keynote statement, by Representative George E. Brown, Jr. (D-Calif.), of the House Science and Technology Committee, will be followed by sessions in the morning on "Information Policies and Public Access," and "Technology and Information Policy." An afternoon session with panel discussion will focus on "Federal Electronic Information Systems and Access." Kent A. Smith, deputy director, National Library of Medicine, will serve as moderator during the day.

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Meetings and Events Around the Library

Tuesday, February 11

☐ "Research on Latin America in the Library of Congress," Georgette Dorn, Hispanic Division. Special Interest Group on Foreign Area Studies (Latin American Area Studies). LC Professional Association. Room LM 642, 11:30 a.m. **For members and staff.**

Wednesday, February 12

☐ "Federal Information Policies: Their Implementations and Implications for Information Access," forum given by the Federal Library and Information Center Committee. Mumford Room, 9 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

Thursday, February 13

☐ Beaux Arts Trio. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Friday, February 14

☐ Beaux Arts Trio. Coolidge Auditorium, 8 p.m.

Saturday, February 15

☐ Joshua Bell, violin, and Angela Cheng, piano. Coolidge Auditorium, 5:30 p.m.

Sunday, February 16

☐ U.S. Marine Band. Chamber Music Series. Coolidge Auditorium, 3 p.m.

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Speakers at the morning sessions will be: Franklin S. Reeder, deputy chief of the Information Policy Branch, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs in the Office of Management and Budget, who will speak on "Executive Branch Initiatives Regarding Information Policies and Public Access"; Harold C. Relyea, specialist in American national government, Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, who will speak on "Freedom of Information Concerns"; Frederick W. Weingarten, program manager of communication and information technologies, Office of Technology Assessment, who will speak on "Office of Technology Assessment Interests"; and Thomas Giammo, associate director, Information Management and Technology Division, General Accounting Office, who will speak on, "Technology-Based Issues of Information Access." Robert Lee Chartrand, senior specialist in information policy and technology, Congressional Research Service, will preside at the morning session.

The afternoon panel on electronic information systems includes: Donald A. B. Lindberg, director, National Library of Medicine, speaking on "NLM MEDLARS System: A Case for Data Base Integrity"; Amy L. Goodman, associate director, EDGAR, Division of Corporation Finance, Securities and Exchange Commission, speaking on "The SEC's Experience with EDGAR"; Robert Gellman, counsel, Subcommittee on Government Information, Justice and Agriculture, speaking on "Impact of Federal Electronic Information Systems"; David Y. Peyton, director, Government Relations, Information Industry Association, speaking on "Information Industry Concerns About Government Electronic Information Systems"; and Eileen D. Cooke, director, Washington Office, American Library Association, speaking on "Information Users Concerns About Government Electronic Information Systems."

Jameson Fellow Evelyn Brooks To Give Paper on Black Baptist Women

Evelyn Brooks, the eighth J. Franklin Jameson Fellow appointed under a cooperative program of the American Historical Association and the Library of Congress, will deliver a paper entitled "Righteous Discontent: The Women's Movement in the Black Baptist Church, 1880–1930," on Tuesday, February 4, at 1 p.m., in the Mumford Room of the Library of Congress James Madison Memorial Building. Dr. Brooks has been engaged in research at the Library of Congress for the past few months.

Invitations to this lecture have been sent to American historians throughout the Washington, D.C., and surrounding area. Other interested persons are also welcome to attend.

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